

REMARKS

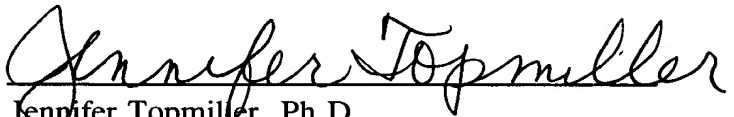
Entry of the foregoing and examination of the subject application on the merits are respectfully requested and such action is earnestly solicited.

By the present amendment, Claim 1 has been amended to remove reference numerals. No new matter has been added.

If there are any questions concerning this amendment or the application in general, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicant's undersigned representative so that prosecution may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment to PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT dated April 4, 2003

Marked-up Claim 1

1. (Amended) A disposable absorbent article to be worn by a user comprising an absorbent body [(104)] and a cover enclosing the same, which on a first side, facing the user in an in-use position, displays a fluid-pervious surface layer [(102)] and on a second side, facing away from the user in an in-use position, displays a fluid-impervious surface layer [(103)], wherein the fluid-pervious surface layer [(102)] comprises an impregnation comprising at least one hydrophilic organic solvent having a low vapour pressure at room temperature.